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# MINUTES

——OF THE——

# 31st Annual Session

——OF THE——

# PRIMITIVE
# BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

——CONVENED WITH——

## FRIENDSHIP CHURCH

## Surry County N. C.,

OCTOBER 20, and 21, 1899.

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ELDER WM. MILES, MODERATOR,
GEORGE W. MILES, SEC. & TREASURER.

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The next Session will convene with Bethel Church seven miles North East of Wilkesboro, N. C., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1900.

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

**Friday, October 20th, 1899.**

Introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. W. F. Gregory, Text: Matth. 16 : 18. After a short intermission the delegates assembled in the church. Song: "Brethren we have met again &c." Prayer offered by Eld. A. McKnight.

1st. Called for associational letters—sixteen were handed in and read.

2nd. Invited newly constituted churches to seats with us, when Garden Creek church presented a letter which was read and her delegates seated.

3rd. Invited regular Baptist churches of our faith and order to unite with us. None present.

4th. Elds. Simcox from the M't'n Union, and McKnight from the Little River Association acted as tellers, who reported Eld. Wm. Miles, Moderator, George W. Miles, Clerk.

5th. Invited correspondents of our faith and order; when Eld. M. E. Simcox from the M't'n Union Association, Elds. A. McKnight, M. E. Pool and Isom Edwards from the Little River accepted seats.

6th. Invited Transients and visitors of our faith and order; when A. Hutchinson accepted a seat.

7th. On motion, authorized the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

8th. Appointed J. M. Brown, H. A. Wood and F. W. Norman with the delegates of this church to arrange preaching during this session.

9th. Appointed Elds. Eli Sebastian, W. F. Gregory, J. O. Wood and Brethren A. Caudill and J. P. Elledge committee of arrangements: invited Moderator, Clerk and correspondents to sit with them.

10th. Appointed T. P. Hanks, F. M. Brooks and . Hanks committee on Finance.

th. Appointed A. Felts, O. L. Darnall and W. F. committee on Sabbath Schools.

Appointed J. M. Gentry, L. L. Wood and nings committee on Resolutions.

Appointed J. M. Brown to write a corres- ter to the M't'n Union Association, L. M. Little River and H. C. Jennings to the Blue ave them ready for inspection to-morrow.

14th. A motion was made favoring a Temperance committee: Motion lost.

15th. Retain clerks of the various churches in our bounds as committee on obituaries.

16th. On motion, adjourned till 9 A. M. to-morrow. Song: "In all my Lord's appointed ways &c." Prayer by Eld. M. E. Pool. Benediction by Eld. Wm. Miles.

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## SECOND DAY.

**Saturday, October 21st, 1899.**

Spent several minutes in Devotional exercises.

Association called to order. Song: "Am I a soldier of the cross &c." Prayer offered by Moderator.

1st. Called roll of delegates and marked absentees.

2nd. Called on committee of arrangements to report, who reported and were discharged.

3rd. On motion, agree to dispose of items in the order they appear on Bill of arrangements.

4th. Read Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

5th. Extended an invitation to Transients and visitors of our faith and order.

6th. Called on corresponding Brethren to report. J. P. Cockerham visited the M't'n Union Association; Elds. W. F. Gregory and Eli Sebastian and Brethren L. L. Wood, C. Waddell, H. C. Jennings and J. A. Roberson the Little River; Bro. A. Caudill the Blue Ridge; Report received and Brethren discharged.

7th. Called on Brethren appointed to write corresponding letters to read them. Letters read and Brethren discharged.

8th. Appointed correspondents to sister associations, viz: J. A. Roberson, W. F. Gregory, L. L. Wood J. P. Cockerham and H. C. Jennings to the M't'n Union; L. L. Wood, C. Waddell, W. F. Gregory, J. W. Brooks- J. A. Roberson, J. M. Brown, Wm. Miles, C. L. Cheek and F. W. Norman to the Little River; A. Caudill, Eli Sebastian, J. O. Wood, H. C. Jennings and J. A. Roberson to the Blue Ridge.

9th. Called on committee on Sabbath schools to report; who reported, viz:

We, your committee, submit the following:

"1st. We think it best for each church to engage in Sabbath school work. 2nd. Let each school be free from pride, sectarianism and trashy literature. 3rd. Strive to make the youthful mind a store-house of good ideas and gospel truths."

Eld. W. F. Gregory, Ch'm. Com.

Report received and committee discharged.

10th. Called on Finance committee to report, who reported, received from the churches $15.15, from Treasurer $2.35. Report received and committee discharged.

11th. Called on committee of ministry to report, who reported for Saturday: 1st. Eld. M. E. Pool; 2nd Eld. M. E. Simcox. For Sabbath: 1st. Eld. Isom Edwards; 2nd. Eld. Wm. Miles; 3rd. Eld. A. McKnight. Report received and committee discharged.

12th. Committee on Resolutions submitted the following, viz:

"Resolved, 1st. That all our members strictly adhere to our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith. 2nd. That we have comfortable church houses. 3rd. That our ministers hold protracted meetings and otherwise preach together as much as possible. 4th. That the layety assist their ministers and the poor of our churches by prayer and contributions. 5th. That we return our thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity for hospitality shown us during this session."

J. Morgan Gentry, Ch'm. Com.

Report received and committee discharged.

13th. Called on committee on obituaries to report, who reported eleven, which are spread on our minutes.

14th. Ask our churches to considder the propriety of reducing the delegation of each church from five to three,

15th. On motion, spread our Articles of Faith upon these minutes.

16th. On motion, we ask the churces in our bounds to considder the advisability of locating a printing press, within the limits of our correspondence, to be used in the interest of our people, and make report to our next session.

17th. On motion, authorized the Secretary to mail (at the expense of this body) our corresponding letters and one minute for each church, to the clerks of each association with which we are in correspondence.

18th. On motion, allowed the Clerk $2.35, the residue of last year's funds, for mailing last year's minutes.

19th. Appointed the clerk treasurer, and ordered that he superintend the printing, and distribution of 600 copies of these minutes and allow him $4.00 for his services.

20th. Appointed our next Association to convene with Bethel church, seven miles Northeast of Wilkesboro, N. C., on Friday before the fourth Lord's day in October, 1900. Eld. Wm. Miles to preach the introductory sermon and Eld. Eli Sebastian, alternate.

21st. On motion adjourned to time and place of our next association. Song: "Firmly I stand &c." Prayer offered by Eld. Isom Edwards. Benediction by Moderator.

GEORGE W. MILES, Clerk. ELD. WM. MILES, Moderator.

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## SABBATH.

Met at 10 A. M. Services introduced by Eld. M.E. Simcox. "Song: Come we that love the Lord &c." Prayer offered.

1st. Sermon by Eld. Isom Edwards. Text: Matthew 18 : 11. 2nd. Sermon by Eld. A. McKnight, Text: Genesis, 7 : 16. A large audience were in attendance to hear the word preached. We hope much good was done. Brethren and sisters pray the Lord to lead us by the Divine light of truth. Amen! CLERK.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5th. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all

who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7th. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Feet-washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8th. We believe in the resurection of the dead and a general judgement, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9th. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

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## OBITUARIES.

William Washington Adams was born Dec. 5th 1825, and died April 1st. 1899. He professed faith in Christ in early life—was baptised by Eld. James Tinsley. He united with Center church soon after its organization, where he remained a consistent member until he was called to a home above. His continued sickness was borne with patience and fortitude, and when he came to the Dark river, with much resignation launched away.

When the winds blow the leaves fall.
The saints go, when Jesus calls,
From a world of woe and sin and pain
To a home of peace and there remain.

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Kesiah Spicer.—departed this life May 28th 1899. She was more than three score and ten years of age. She found a Savior precious, when young and united with Rachel church, but many years afterwards moved her membership to Oak Level church, where she remained till death. Before the final parting, calling her children to her, she said, "Meet me in heaven, I am going to see Jesus."

Jesus can make a dying bed
Feel soft as downy pillows are,
While on this breast I lean my head
And breath my life out sweetly there.

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Elvira Johnson.—Was born in the year 1829, departed

this life June 2nd 1899. In her girl-hood days, she claimed Christ to know and united with Swan Creek church, Yadkin Co., N. C. Several years elapsed and she saw fit to unite with Round M't'n church, where she remained till death.

A dear old Mother with ages ripe,
Of true christianity, the model type,
At the door of death a word would say,
Children–"Live for dear Jesus every day.

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Lou Gentry, (whose maiden name was Eldridge) was born Oct. 23rd 1861, and departed this life June 26th 1899. She professed a hope in Christ many years ago. She was married to J. Morgan Gentry July 25th 1880. There were born unto them five children, one is in the spirit world, while four on earth remain. Her last days were days of suffering and pain, but she rested in a Savior's love. A seat is vacant in Friendship church which can never be filled.

Dear husband and children adieu to you all,
Till the trumpet all nations to Judgement shall call.
I'm absent from the clay, present with the Lord,
Been lead by His spirit and governed by his word.

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Lucy F. Wood—( whose maiden name was Hendrix) was born Oct. 15th 1848, crossed the river death June 26th 1899. She was married to Lafayett Wood Jan. 5th 1866. There was born unto them five children, four of whom are professors of religion. She made a profession and joined the church at Round Mountain some years ago. At the last moment, she called to her husband and said, "Come on husband I'll gladly meet you at the gate."

A sainted Wife at the heavenly gate,
Might linger and wait for a loving mate,
Blest thought! By-and-by when God's time shall come,
The spirit of the husband will soar home.

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Martha J. Shumate (whose maiden name was Bose) was born July 24th 1830, died Feb. 6th 1897. She joined White Plains Baptist church April, 1847. At death was a member of Round M't'n church. She married M. H. Shumate. God blessed this union with four children.

Farewell husband and children too,
I'll go yonder and wait for you,
Lonely and sad on earth you'll roam,
Soon Jesus will say "Child come home."

Mary A. Teague (whose maiden name was Shumate) was born June 16th 1866, and departed this life Aug. 4th 1899. She joined the church at Cane Creek Oct. 1897, where her membership remained till God called her home. She leaves a husband and four children.

Dear husband we've faught life's battles hand-in-hand,
But I have been called to the spirit land.
Live for dear Jesus and strive for the bright crown,
Those putting trust in Him, He will not confound.

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Sarah A. Waddell (whose maiden name was Bose) was born Apr. 30th 1824 and died Aug. 15th 1897. She professed a hope and joined White Plains Baptist church Apr. 1847. She was married to Burgess Waddell Sept. 30th 1851, there were born unto them three children. She read the Bible through seven times. Before the final hour, she called her children to her and and told them to prepare to meet her in heaven.

God's all-seeing eye and mighty power
Is over and around us every hour—
The christian's delight, and his vital breath,
A bridge of faith over the river of death.

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Lucinda Pruitt (whose maiden name was Brooks) was born May 4th 1833, and died June 8th 1899. She was married to Harden Pruitt in 1853. She was a kind mother, an affectionate companion and an adornment to christianity. She joined Round Hill Baptist church Jan. 1888 and remained a faithful member of the same till death.

A home in heaven! O! Blessed thought!
Jesus doth give—It cannot be bought
With the smallest coin nor largest bill.
How free! How free!! It is look and live.

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Lodemia Pruitt (whose maiden name was Bauguess) was born Nov. 10th, 1851 and died Aug. 20th, 1899. She professed faith in Christ in early life and joined Rachel Baptist church in Aug. 1867, but some years after moved her membership to Round Hill church. She bore her final illness with patience and said "I am going home."

She will be here on earth no more
She has gone to the other shore
May the departed one and bereft three
Be undivided in eternity.

Cora J. Wiles (whose maiden name was Shepherd) was born May 3rd. 1873, and died Jan. 4th. 1899. She was married to J. M. Wiles Dec. 5th. 1895. She was a dutiful daughter, a devoted wife and loving mother. She became a penitent, at the close of a Sabbath school conducted by John F. Shepherd, under a gospel exhortation by Rev. W. F. Gregory. She continued to cry till God blessed her soul. Her last request was to raise her children right. Her dying words "I am not afraid to die."

Servant of Jesus well done,
Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the prize won,
And thou art crowned at last.

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Thos. W. McCann, son of G. W. & Sarah McCann, was born Dec. 3rd. 1881, and died Dec. 25th. 1898. He joined White Oak baptist church about two years previous to his death, and was a consistent member of the same at the time of his death. Just before his departure he called his relatives to him and requested them to meet him in Heaven.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which can never be filled.

Young friends, when my grave you pass by,
Think, as you are now, so once was I
Though, hale, proud or sinful you be,
You're soon going to eternity.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | POSTOFFICES. | NAMES OF D |
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| Bethany | Owens and Wood | Round M't'n, N.C. | N. W. Harrald, C. L. Cheek, L. L. |
| Bethel | Sebastian, Brooks, Gregory | Hayes, " | J. P. Elledge, L. M. Jennings |
| Cane Creek | Gregory and Wood | Dehart, " | W. J. Felts, A. Absher |
| Center | Roten, Brooks and Wood | Mulberry, " | J. A. Roberson, H. C. Jennings |
| Elkin Valley | Woodruff | Elkin, " | B. Woodruff, C. A. & J. F. Cooper, |
| Fair View | Wood, Owens and Gregory | Halls Mills, " | D. M. Hall, S. C. Church |
| Friendship | Woodruff | Rusk, " | J. M. & W. A. Gentry, J. W. Chape |
| Garden Creek | Wm. Miles | Joynes, " | J. M. Brown, F. M. Brooks, W. H. |
| Liberty Knob | Wm. Miles | Miles, " | Wm. & G. W. Miles, J. W. Brooks |
| Oak Level | Sebastian | Lomax, " | J. P. Cockerham, C. Waddell, I. G |
| Pleasant Grove | Gregory and Brooks | Buck, " | By Le |
| Rachel | Sebastian and Elledge | Lomax, " | R. Wilmoth, J. Crabb, J. H. Bose, J |
| Roaring River | Wood and Owens | Joynes, " | G. W. Brown, T. R. Cockerham |
| Round Hill | Sebastian and Elledge | Dockery, " | J. A. Pruitt, M. F. Richardson, N. |
| Round Mountain | Gregory, Owens, Elledge | Round M't'n, " | W. F. Gregory, L. Wood, A. Caud |
| White Oak | McKnight | Parks, " | H. A. Hanks, F. W. Norman, G. |
| Zion | Sebastian and Walker | Viands, " | Eli Sebastian, W. M. Harrald |